



# *What is Art to You?*

An appreciation of the arts by the students of ROOFTOP SCHOOL

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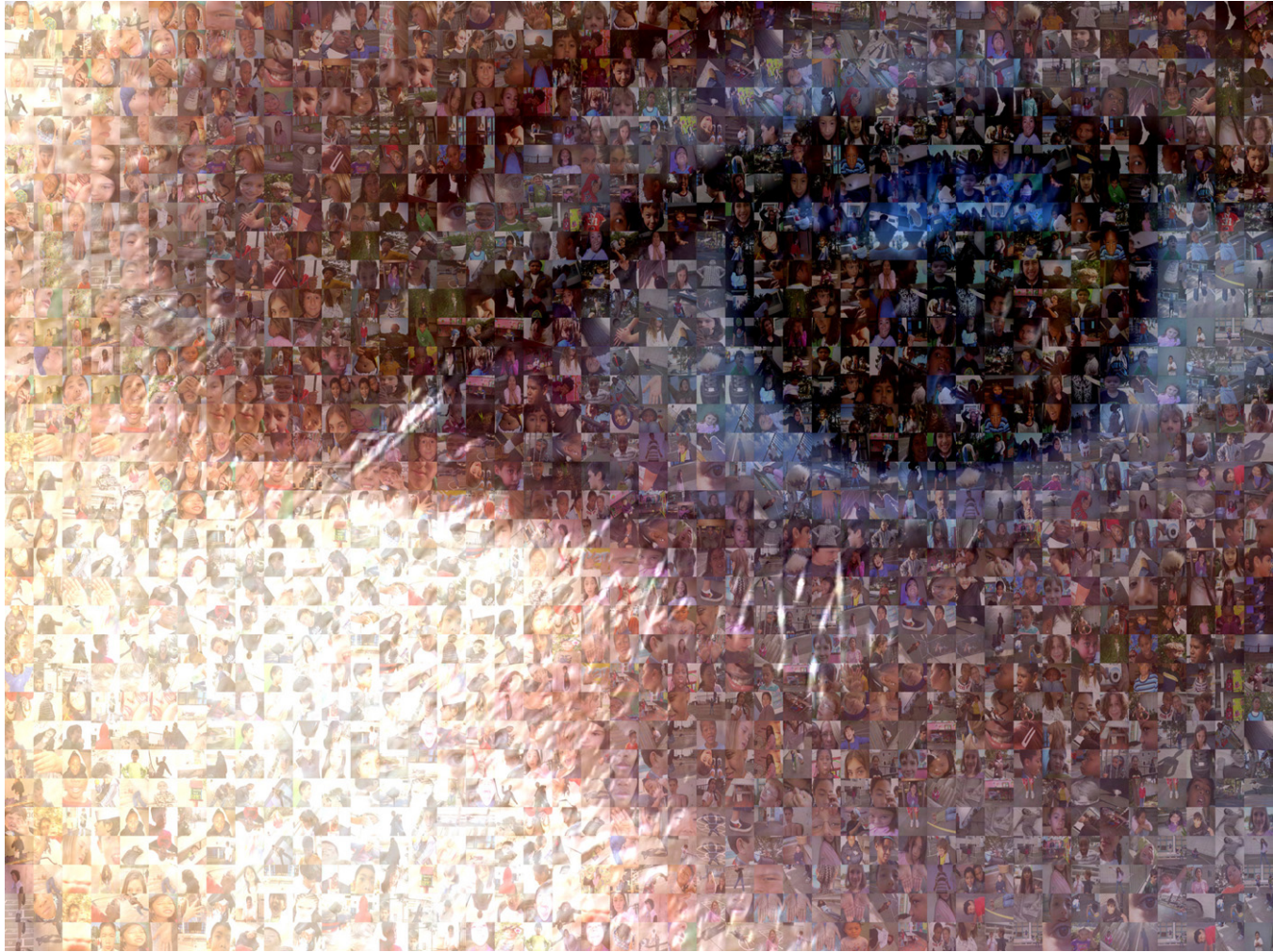
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# *The Artist's Way* by MELISSA M., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I find making art meditative a bit therapeutic

*Hair all in a fluff down to the ends in disarray*

*Sun golden bright backdrop to the end*

*Paper thin*

*Cross the mildewy forest all covered in sweat*

*A sheen*

Seizing me the drive the passion

The difficult task ahead necessary I sacrifice what makes me alive

Only being human

*I envy the smile I made on her face*

*She has the most wonderful hair*

*Auburn silk*

*Her body draped with fresh, full*

*Loving adorned*



Leaving the world behind, the rich colorful drama, and focus on the form of itself  
The challenge of myself the endurance and strength  
Yet the joy it brings  
Eaten alive..  
My religion what I must do, my role in the play  
Precise

*True witness to my account*  
*Vibrant are her eyes*  
*A sister my own self*  
*Exposed*  
*I look in the mirror*  
*My reflection*  
*The nose does look quite right*

Between make believe and reality it thrives  
Open your eyes so your brain can imagine  
Creativity

*And my prince her sparkling mate*  
*Come to join I finish the crown*

*They flow through my homemade field*

*Honeysuckle*

*Look the flowers are in bloom*

Spontaneous tension essential to art

I colored the painting just so

The backdrop of a million

My favorite things

I am married, bound by my promise, no turning back

Yes I made a few nice things today

A doll a painting

The expression of my heart the one I envy, the things I see inside

Whatever I feel

I show it my way

Whatever I feel

Art

I show it

The artist's way





# *What Is Art?* by CHRISTINA I., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

What is Art?

Is it something like drawing on paper, folding origami,  
playing with clay, painting a simple line?

What is it to you?

to me?

Art to me is something not all understand.

It's something that lets all from the past

Lock their precious memories and feelings.

It's something we can learn from every day

Something that keeps us thinking

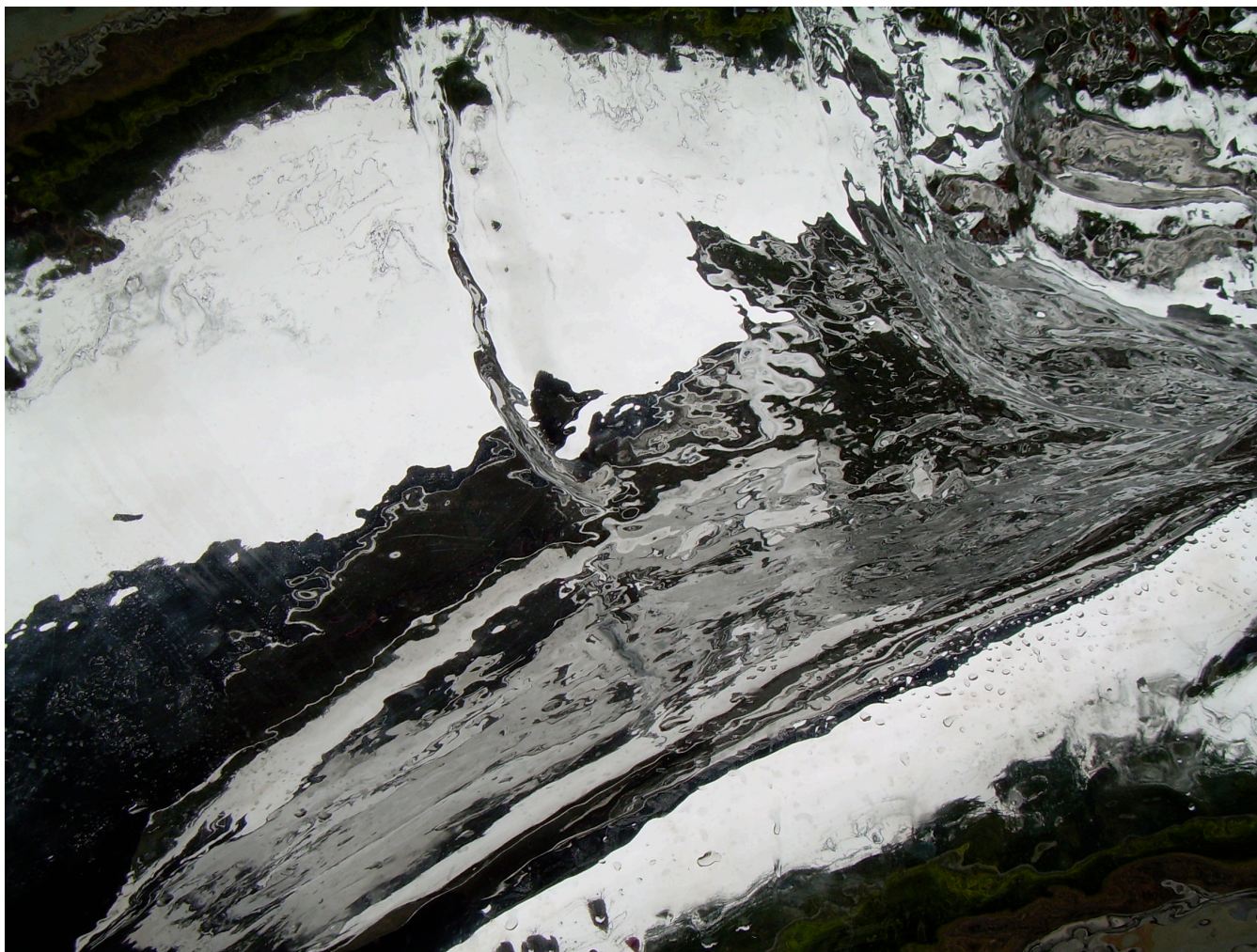
One of the pieces of beauty

Left on this world.

There's one question left.

What is Art to YOU?





# *A Flow of Dreams* by RAY M., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

A flow of dreams,

A feeling of wonder,

An endless plain in which one roams

No limits, no boundaries to ones creation

An ancient relic, undiscovered

An elegant icicle, dripping ever so slowly

A cunning piece, a random patter

A story of love, a foolish tootle

Music is the heart of sound.





# *An Angel with Wings* by ABIGAIL C., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

An angel with wings told me,  
He had lost the map to get home.  
Powerless, I took a paint brush  
and poured water onto the dried paint.  
  
Even if these eyes lose their light  
I'll still draw.  
Even if these hand lose their strength  
I'll still draw  
A color that wraps everything together  
A prayer that puts all my wishes together.





# *What is Art To You?* by MS. SUGAWARA'S 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

"Art is like oxygen, we thrive off it."

— Brian, 8th grade

"I think that art is a road to success, but will always be under construction.  
I think art is a way for people to express themselves without saying a word.  
It's a way for people to tell a story of anything they want.  
So that is why I think art is important."

— Suzanne, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

"Art is like war: a battle between imagination and the limitations of matter. "

— Leon, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

"Everyone can have the same grade, but no one has the exact same art."

— Isaiah, 8<sup>th</sup> grade





“Art is a beautiful way to express feeling, meaning, and emotion.  
Art is more than colorful paintings and pretty drawings.  
Art is peace. It is a way for me and my peers to release stress and express meaning.  
Art is music, dance, theater, poetry. It is expression.  
Art is me and art is my school. It is what we stand for, a vivid image of life.”

— Erin, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is a wonderful thing to do. Art has brought out another side of me, by expressing myself in music and poetry and old history, art has taught me to have an open mind, and to take the most out of it. I love art and the things we get to do are truly remarkable, some things I never knew could be possible happened. Art has taught me to be confident in anything I do... From old to new, art shall always be with me in my heart, mind, body and spirit.”

— Javon, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is the light in a dark room.”

— Paola, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is the world, without it we would be nothing.”

— Tiana, 8<sup>th</sup> grade



“Art is the most important subject because it teaches everything.”

— Lucas, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is a sublime sensation  
of swirling radiant happiness,  
a sheep bounding across  
emerald cloverfields,  
a hawk gliding across the  
endless skies.  
Art is Magic.”

— Ray, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Art helps everyone to expand their knowledge, and helps you to be creative in ways that you CAN imagine.

— Chris, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“We are art.  
There are no mistakes in art.  
Everyone has art inside of them.  
Art is free.”

— Kelsey, 7<sup>th</sup> grade





“Art is the one thing that can connect a person to anything they think of.”

— Noe, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“One color that brings  
everything together.  
One prayer that puts all  
my wishes together.  
Art is as boundless  
as the sky”

— Abigail, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“With art and a little inspiration, you can achieve great feats.”

— Darryl, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is a bird who sings in the bright morning like a pencil sketching on paper”

— Benny, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is the beauty we see everyday... the trees, the birds, and the clear blue skies.  
It's the air we breathe each day. Many don't notice or are just oblivious to it. But it's there.  
When people take the time to notice, it is something so special, that you are thankful to  
have these beautiful creations that blossom to each new day.”

— Christina, 7<sup>th</sup> grade





“Art fills the empty hole in my heart!”

— Kasey, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is a unique and beautiful jewel that is like a diamond that shines in the sun and glitters the colors of the world. Without it, there would be nothing but darkness.”

— Jennifer, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is the expression of your soul, stretching to the ends of the earth and beyond.”

— Andres, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

“Art is a window or door into ones dreams, imagination, and soul. It gives you freedom to fly and helps others open their minds.”

— Sadako, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

